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Overview

The month of November 2008, had a slight reduction of 2.4% in the overall motor vehicle crashes on our Northern Command roadways. The Northern Command experienced a decrease in property and injury crashes compared to this time last year. Fatality crashes decreased compared to last month and our DUI crashes increased from last year.

There was some positive news regarding commercial vehicle traffic crashes this month. Our command area experienced a 22.7% decrease in commercial vehicle involved crashes compared to this time last year.

We will continue to promote the attributes of safe driving along with our increased efforts in traffic enforcement in an attempt to again reduce the number of fatality crashes we investigate on our roadways.

The Northern Command officers arrested 11 more intoxicated drivers in DUI related crashes when compared to November of last year and 8 more intoxicated drivers when compared to the previous month. Our officers increased the DUI arrests this past month by 4.5% as related to last year. The average blood alcohol content (BAC) of those individuals arrested for DUI was .15%, which is well over the State's legal limit of .08%. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 36 years old.

In the area of traffic enforcement, our officers made 225 total arrests this month and issued 7,214 citations. The most significant increase in issued citations was in the category of hazardous moving violations. The month of November was a successful month in providing the services of the Highway Patrol to all of those who live within or visit our State.

Additionally, this Command is extremely proud to have Trooper Chuck Allen as a member of our Division. Trooper Allen received the prestigious Mark Twain Award for his work and dedication to our community, while serving as our Northern Command Public Relations Officer.

Our Officers will continue to serve our State with honor and integrity.

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NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	Nov 08	Nov 07	% Change	Oct 08	% Change
Total Crashes	328	336	-2.4%	326	0.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	226	232	-2.6%	217	4.1%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	99	103	-3.9%	105	-5.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	2	50.0%	4	-25.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	26	9	188.9%	18	44.4%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	2	50.0%	5	-40.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	2	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	17	22	-22.7%	22	-22.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14	17	-17.6%	10	40.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	5	-40.0%	11	-72.7%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .009%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes .079%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 0.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes .051%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Nov 08		Nov 07	% Change		Oct 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	26		15	73.3%		18	44.4%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	115		110	4.5%		123	-6.5%
Other Arrests	522		612	-14.7%		533	-2.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	225		239	-5.9%		234	-3.8%
Speed violations	2733		3091	-11.6%		2895	-5.6%
Hazardous moving violations	806		775	4.0%		896	-10.0%
Occupant restraint violations ##	352		462	-23.8%		345	2.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	7214		7351	-1.9%		7481	-3.6%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	51		23	121.7%		44	15.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	33		21	57.1%		44	-25.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	745		689	8.1%		797	-6.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	334		202	65.3%		411	-18.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2126		1810	17.5%		2292	-7.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	104		98	6.1%		104	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	92		59	55.9%		95	-3.2%
Total school buses inspected	56		117	-52.1%		56	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	86		27	218.5%		86	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	25		331	-92.4%		25	0.0%
Total overweight citations	343		38	802.6%		343	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	305		378	-19.3%		350	-12.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		02	-50.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Nov 2008	Nov 2007	% Change	Oct 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	375,587	160,534	134.0%	463,450	-19.0%
CAD Incidents	17,965	17,824	0.0%	18,055	-0.5%
*Telephone Calls	16,229	16,191	0.2%	21,741	-25.4%
CAD Logs	160,343	131,901	21.6	166,046	-3.4%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	347	369	-5.9%	361	-3.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	216	255	-15.2%	252	-14.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	14	27	-48.1%	4	250.0%
Office Accident Reports Taken	17	3	466.6%	16	6.25%
Citations Processed	5179	4479	15.6%	4331	19.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	2	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Visitors at Counter	137	N/A	N/A	193	-29.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$671.00	\$1,114.50	-39.8%	\$682.50	-1.68%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	973	966	0.7%	628	54.9%
Warrants Entered	466	279	67.0%	277	68.2%
Warrants Cleared	447	536	-16.6%	525	-14.9%
Warrants Validated	3375	1699	98.6%	41	8131.7%
Extradition / Transports	19	27	-29.6%	27	-29.6%

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.15 %
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 36 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Two (2) Contracts using eight (8) hours, billed in the amount of \$537.00

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
467	8	16	0	8

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
45	432	11	1	0	0

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- Hosted the first Winter Driving Safety Fair and Clinic at Champion Chevrolet in Reno. This 4-hour event gave citizens the opportunity to learn safe winter driving techniques as well as learn what to do in the event of an accident.
- Lectured at two classes with the local driver's education classes during the month as well highlighting safe driving practices, seatbelts, alcohol awareness and commonly seen accident contributing factors.
- Participated in two unique events involving the school district during the month. The first was assisting the media class of DaMonte Ranch High School film a public service announcement regarding teen DUI driving. At DPS/Highway Patrol Headquarters there was a staged mock fatality single vehicle fatality crash that generated a real response from both REMSA and the Reno Fire Department. The driver in this scenario was drunk and subsequently killed one of his two passengers in this staged collision. The driver was placed under arrest and the fire department extricated the two other occupants and rendered aid to the injured one. We were excited and proud to be a part of an educational program that the students themselves will be producing. They are also submitting this for a national award that is being sponsored by the AAA Insurance company. The local media television stations came out and covered this event as well. The second event was at Galena High School where Trooper Allen delivered a televised 20-minute lecture concerning teen driving and alcohol-related crashes to the entire faculty and student body.
- On November 18th, Trooper Urso also spoke to the members of the Yerington Rotary Club and talked about traffic safety in and around the Lyon County community as well as answered questions from those members in attendance.
- Trooper Allen also gave the welcoming remarks at the Annual Bowling Tournament for the Athletes of the Special Olympics. Other members of the Department of Public Safety volunteered their time and helped present medals on the morning and afternoon sessions of the two-day event.
- Gave live interviews each weekday morning with Karen Reuter and Bill Frankmore on the morning show of Channel 4 in Reno. Additionally, a number of other interviews were completed with the other television/radio stations. Printed outlets were distributed in Northern Nevada regarding seatbelts and safe holiday driving.
- We are also continuing to provide live traffic interviews each weekday on Channel 4 relaying up-to-date and real-time information concerning the roadways in northern Nevada..
- The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and DPS/Highway Patrol held their Annual Winter Ice and Snow news conference at NDOT District 2 Headquarters in Reno. This event was a pro-active media event that helped educate and guide the motoring public on weather-related changes in highway driving.
- As we approach the Christmas and New Year's Eve holidays, we are planning our pro-active media stories concerning safe driving practices with special emphasis on seatbelts and drinking and driving.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft flew a total of eleven (11) missions during the month of November for a total of 37.6 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of flight activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
7	25	66	Speed Enforcement
2	9.1	25	Prisoner Transport in State
1	2.3	6	Prisoner Extradition Out of State
1	1.2	3	Driving Safety Raffle Winner

On November 12, the aircraft was flown to Modesto, CA to extradite Kasey Parrish to Reno on a felony warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

One of the prizes offered during the NHP/NDOT Winter Driving Safety Event was a ride in the NHP plane. Dawn Henderson and her two sons, Kyle and James, were the winners of the raffle. They were given a scenic flight around the Carson Valley and Virginia City. Ten (10) speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, seven (7) were flown. One (1) was cancelled due to a shortage of manpower, one (1) for pilot training, and one was cancelled so our motor units could attend the funeral of a Cordova, CA motor officer who was killed in an crash. A total of three hundred sixty five (365) violations were noted during these missions. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	288
Hazardous	16
Non-Hazardous	56
Seat belt	5

During the course of these enforcement missions, six (6) motorists were assisted, two (2) misdemeanor arrests were made and one (1) vehicle was impounded. The high speed for the month was a silver Honda clocked in IR 80 near Fernley on the 25th at 94 mph.

Compared to last year, flight time is down 21% and total enforcement is down 5%.

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